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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

Members of Georgia, take Notice

CORRECTION: The Waycross district home coming is to be at Bachlott church the fifth Sunday in August instead of the first Sunday in September.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are again mailing out the annual report forms to the churches located in the various states and we truly hope that each pastor will see that the forms are properly filled in and returned to the office of the General Secretary not later than the 15th or 20th of September.

South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Kansas, New Mexico, Kentucky, and the Northwestern States will receive their annual report forms from their state overseer but after they are filled out they should be sent direct to the office of the General Secretary, Cleveland, Tenn.

We thank the pastors and clerks in advance for the prompt attention they will give to this important matter. —General Secretary.

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The Birmingham district convention will convene with Powderly church (Birmingham) Friday night before the fourth Sunday and through Sunday, Aug. 21--23. Every church in the district come or send representatives. Our state overseer is to be with us. You are welcome from other districts.—M. D. Harwood, district overseer, Pratt City, Ala

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To the Sunday Schools in Virginia: The state banner was taken by Roanoke this month. Starkey came second and Sheeptown third. Every school do your best to report and do your duty. We are still counting on you and trying to be a blessing toward a successful year for all. —Marvin E. Porter, State S. S. Supt., Austinville, Va.

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Please pray for our revival to be a great success for God and His Church. —W. L. Ramsey, pastor, Hot Springs, N. C.

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We are asking prayer of the saints everywhere for the revival that is now going at Vero Beach, Fla. The power of God is falling and the saints are rejoicing. Sinners are falling at the altar.—J. C. Cox, evangelist.

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Please pray for a great revival here at Rolling Hill, Tenn. Pray that many souls will be saved. If there is a good evangelist, one that will stand true and believes in signs following, who wants a place to preach, write me at once.—Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 2, Hazel Green, Ala.

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A large tent meeting began at West Hamlin, W. Va., on State Route No. 10, Aug. 15. We are expecting help and invite one and all of God's people to take part and help us get a Church of God in this little town. You who cannot attend, pray for us.—Henry C. Swanson, in charge.

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I want to buy a gospel tent 30x40 or 40x60. State price, terms, and age of the tent.—G. C. Smith, Box 272, Bessemer City, N. C.

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To the churches and pastors of Virginia: I notice there are more missions going to Headquarters than are coming to the state treasury. I also notice the reports from the church clerks and many of the churches are failing to come up with their mission quota. Now you pastors know very well that the Assembly made a ruling that state overseers be dropped from the list after two years' failure to raise their mission quota. I feel like making an amendment to that by saying that pastors who fail for one year ought to be dropped from the pastoral list because what can the state overseer do if the pastor fails to co-operate with the state overseer. Here are the churches that have reported since the Assembly, also the amount they have paid in to the state treasury: Monroe, $9.43; Roanoke, $14.06; Max Meadows, 1.41; Cliffview, $3.00; Starkey, $4.51; Schoolfield, $7.00; Wytheville, $2.51; Shorts Creek, $5.18; Amelia, $2.25; Norfolk, $1.15; Parrott, 53c; Glamorgan, $3.61; Wilder, 10c; Marion, $2.36. Now you other churches that have been sending missions to Headquarters, your name will not be called at the state convention unless I hear from you within a few days, with a big check for missions. Come one and all and let us do our best for God and His church.—J. H. Daniels, state mission treasurer.

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We are having an old-time revival at Williston, Fla. I praise the Lord for giving me and others the sweet Holy Ghost. Ten received the blessing last week. God is working. Pray for me and the church here.—Leamon I. Greil.

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Brother Pritchard pitched his tent in Hickory, N. C. last week and declared war on sin. Please pray for a great outpouring of the blessed Holy Ghost. There is no church here, only a few saints and we need prayer. Please ask God to crown the efforts of His saints with souls.—Mamie Lee Anderson.

The home coming of the Raleigh district will convene at Erwin, N. C. the fifth Sunday in August. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket and your music. We are looking for a high day in Zion and many visitors.—F. F. O'Bannon, pastor.

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To whom it may concern: All who wish to write me asking for prayer for healing could help me bear this burden by making your request as plain as possible and printing the name and address so I can read them. I have some requests that I am unable to answer because of the lack of necessary information. And when possible send self-addressed envelope with stamp and handkerchief (when handkerchief is wanted). Those who wish to be healed should be willing to do their part. Read 1 Cor. 9:11. Just clear your conscience in this matter and God will be pleased and I will be satisfied. Your prayers and help will be greatly appreciated.—Waldron Asher, Essie, Ky.

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Everybody remember that on Aug. 23 the Church of God at Roanoke, Va. will have its regular home coming day. That will be its second anniversary also. We will have our district convention on that day too. We ask every member of the church to bring or send $1.00 on our building fund, to help pay off our indebtedness. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket of good eats and help us enjoy this great feast. Also our camp meeting will be going by that time and I am sure we will have a good time. Come one and all.—J. H. Daniels, pastor and district overseer, Rt. 1, Box 371, Roanoke, Va.

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The South Alabama camp meeting that was to convene July 31-Aug. 9, near Pine Hill at Sunny South church, will convene Aug. 21-30.—Mrs. R. C. Barnwell.

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We are conducting a revival at the Deering Chapel Church of God, three miles from Cloudland, Ga., on Lookout Mountain. God is blessing. Pray that He will give us souls and make this church a soul-saving station for God. Church of God preachers, if you are down this way, stop by and we'll give you a hearty welcome. If any church or community in the surrounding districts would like our services in a revival about Sept. 1st, let us hear from you.—L. E. Galloway, pastor, Menlo, Ga.

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Piney Grove and Odum district meeting will convene at Odum, Ga. Aug. 28-30. We will be expecting the folks from each church with a good report. Our state overseer, Brother Hughes, will be with us. Please bring a well-filled basket, there will be dinner on the ground.—J. W. Murray, district overseer.

What Is Your Measure?

GARNER J. WILKINS

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."—Matt. 7:12.

Seemingly, one of the hardest lessons for most of our precious people to learn to-day, is that we will HAVE MEASURED TO US exactly that we HAVE MEASURED TO OTHERS. We gather that we have scattered. It is the fruit of our own endeavors, the yield of our own planting. The commodity we reap daily, is the produce of our own labors. The bountiful benevolence which is bestowed upon us, is the direct result, or return, of the good influence of our own life, giving forth sweet, benevolent charity. Give malice, receive HATRED and STRIFE. Give evil, receive mischief and every evil work. Give LOVE, receive LOVE with the fruits thereof—kindness, goodness, and unselfish deeds of CHARITY. Do righteous acts, receive the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Sow sparingly, reap famine. Sow bountifully, reap an abundance. He shall reap a BUMPER crop, who sows the grain of unselfish devotion to the welfare of humanity.

The WORLD IS A VAST ACREAGE. TIME is the working hours, the sunshine period. They that work while it is yet day shall rejoice greatly with the Lord of the harvest at the jubilee time. They shall celebrate in the evening, and on through the night, and the dawn shall unfold to them the vast storehouses of BLESSINGS, which have been reaped and preserved in store for the great day of rewards.

It is a fascinating, yet marvelous fact, that the final reward of Christian discipleship and devout service, will be an ABUNDANT ENTRANCE into an incorruptible and eternal INHERITANCE of unparalleled splendor and wealth. But Christian service, rendered by the trusting CHILD OF FAITH, has ample reward in this present day. This present aspect of reward for FAITHFULNESS is seldom realized or recognized, or perhaps we should say, appreciated, as to why we possess it, however, we enjoy the benefits, and relish the succulent flavor as we EAT OF THAT MANNA FROM ABOVE, and SIP W I T H CHRIST.

We revel our thoughts and delight our souls in happy anticipation of our introduction into HEAVEN'S joys. BUT HOW MANY TIMES our cup could be made to RUN OVER if we would avail ourselves of the present advantageous opportunities to DO GOOD TO ALL MEN, rendering to no man evil, but ever doing that that is approved of God toward all men, beginning with the HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH. I say again, if we would ever follow the GOLDEN RULE of the Bible, our cup would RUN OVER always, and our eyes would constantly sparkle with the reflection of eternal, youthful JOYS. Our fingers would tingle with a HOLY CURRENT of GLADNESS, and our WHOLE being, vibrating and emanating the exuberant delight of our spiritual powers within, would be EXALTED to the highest position of immortal resuscitation possible of attainment, subsequent to actual rapture to resplendent glory. But even NOW we could say we have BLESSED COMMUNION with GOD the FATHER, and SUBLIME fellowship with CHRIST DIVINE, while we live and work in this earthly house of man; bringing the glory of immortality, and the powers of the world to come to a sovereign test in the sphere of human existence.

The possibility is not to be questioned. The promise is evidently an immutable obligation, assumed by the Creator of sovereign will. It has been fulfilled, it is fulfilled, and will hold true until the consummation of the fullness of time, and the arrival of the appointed day for the "execution" of the will of God by the Chief Executive of heaven, in bringing MANY SONS UNTO GLORY. The writer of Hebrews says: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God (Heb. 4:9); also, "We that have believed do ENTER INTO REST" (Heb. 4:3). The "believer" has an abiding rest, plus an abiding (living) HOPE of that "remaining" rest, but is made to anticipate its rich benefits more keenly by the REST he has "entered into." This is our ever-present joy. But if we would realize the BEST, and receive the BEST, have the BEST, and keep the BEST that God has to bestow, we must know the BEST, give the BEST, do the BEST, and live the BEST. In this we bestow, but only as Christ dwells within, and from our lives flows the sweet influence of HIS DIVINITY. If we live uncharitably and walk as men, and not as Christ, we are CHEATERS, and as such foolish CHEATERS, we rob ourselves. That is a case of CHEATING CHEATERS. We are just floating aimlessly DOWN STREAM to the CATARACTS OF CONFUSION and SHAME. But if we through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live," by one Christ Jesus, and the golden RULE of His teachings, exemplified by His holy manner of life, shall be constantly manifested in our life of UNSELFISH devotion to the common welfare of our neighbor, and our BRETHREN, even

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Editorials

REVIVALS

We are getting reports from many places telling us that great revivals are on and many souls are being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother S. C. Chambers is conducting a revival in Cleveland. Eleven have received the Holy Ghost up to this time. The Lord is using him in giving out His Word.

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A BOOK ON THE CHURCH

Brother J. P. Hughes has a little book on the Church, and since his affliction he has decided to sell it for 10c per copy. Those who wish to order them in fifty or hundred lots will get them for 7c cash. We are making this reduction in order to get the printer's bill as Brother Hughes feels that he would like to pay this as early as possible. This litthe book has some good things in it concerning the Church.

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THE WAY OF LIFE

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Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Having believed on Him unto salvation, we are now in Christ and begin a new life.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

The guilt of sin is gone; condemnation is gone, and in their stead has come the joy of being reconciled to God. We are enlisted in the service of God and have the assurance of His blessing and protection.

What is our duty respecting our former associates and worldly fellowship?

"*Be ye not* unequally *yoked together* with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Beliah? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"

"Wherefore *come out from among them,* and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and be a Father unto you" (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

The first important thing after having confessed Christ is to break away from every influence or association that would in any way hinder our full allegiance to Christ.

Reading God's Word is an important part of our Christian duty and is absolutely necessary to Christian life and growth.

Jesus said, "*Search the scriptures*: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

The Psalmist said: "*Thy word have I hid in mine heart,* that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11).

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Psa. 19:7, 8).

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the *word of his grace,* which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were *written for our learning,* that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and *receive with meekness the engrafted word,* which is able to save your souls" (Jas. 1:21).

"As newborn babes, *desire the sincere milk of the word,* that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2:2).

Prayer is necessary to Christian life and no soul can maintain spiritual life without prayer

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought *always to pray* and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7, 8).

"In everything by *prayer and supplication* with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

"*Pray without ceasing.* In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:17, 18).

"I will therefore that men *pray everywhere,* lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (1 Tim. 2:8).

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

"When thou prayest, *enter into thy closet,* and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

Spiritual health and growth depend very largely upon habits of worship and praise.

"Thou shalt *worship the Lord thy God,* and him only shalt thou serve" (Luke 4:8).

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. *O worship the Lord* in the beauty of holiness" (Psa. 96:8, 9).

"Exalt ye the Lord our God, and *worship at his footstool;* for he is holy" (Psa. 99:5).

We may worship the Lord by meditation upon His Word and His works.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt *meditate therein day and night,* that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Josh. 1:8).

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he *meditate day and night*" (Psa. 1:2).

"My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and *meditate on thee in the night watches*" (Psa. 63:5, 6).

"*I meditate on all thy works;* I muse on the work of thy hands" (Psa. 143:5).

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as

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The PERISCOPE

TREASURES NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

A Strange But True Story

A wealthy farmer, who cultivated some thousands of acres, had by his benevolence endeared himself greatly to his large staff of laborers. He had occasion to leave the country in which his property was situated, for some years, but before doing so he gave his people clearly to understand that he wished the whole of the cultivated land to be kept in hand, and all the unclaimed moor and marsh lands to be enclosed and drained and brought into cultivation; that even the hills were to be terraced and the poor mountain pastures manured, so that no single corner of the estate should remain neglected and barren. Ample resources were left for the "execution of these works, and there were sufficient hands to have accomplished the whole within the first few years of the proprietor's absence.

He was detained in the country to which he had been called very many years. Those whom he left children were men and women when he came back, so the number of his tenantry and laborers was vastly multiplied. Was the task he had given them to do accomplished? Alas! No. Bog, moor, and mountain waste were only wilder and more desolate than ever. Fine rich virgin soil by thousands of acres was bearing only briars and thistles. Meadow after meadow was utterly barren for want of culture. Nay, by far the greater part of the farm seemed never to have been visited by his servants.

Had they been idle? Some had, but large numbers had been industrious enough. They had expended a vast amount of labor and skilled labor, too, but they had bestowed it all on the park immediately around the house. This had been cultivated to such a pitch of perfection that the workmen had scores of times quarreled with each other because the operations had interfered with those of his neighbor.

And a vast amount of labor had been lost in sowing the very same patch, for instance, with corn fifty times over in one season, so that the seed never had time to germinate and grow and bear fruit; in caring for the forest trees, as if they had been tender saplings; in manuring the soils already too fat, and watering pastures already too wet.

The farmer was positively astonished at the misplaced ingenuity with which labor and seed and manure, skill and time and strength, had been wasted for no result. The very same amount of toil and capital, expended according to his directions, would have brought the whole demesne into culture, and yielded a noble revenue. But season after season rolled away in sad succession,, leaving those unbounded acres of various, but all reclaimable soils, barren and useless; and as to the park, it would have been far more productive and perfect had it been relieved of the extraordinary and unaccountable amount of energy expended on it.

Why did those laborers act so absurdly? Did they wish to labor in vain? On the contrary! They were forever craving fruit, coveting good crops, longing for great results. Did they not wish to carry out the farmer's views about his property? Well, they seemed to have that desire, for they were always reading the directions he wrote, and said continually to each other, "You know we have to bring the whole property into order." But they did not do it.

Some few tried and ploughed up a little plot here and there, and sowed corn and other crops. Perhaps these failed, and so the rest got discouraged? Oh no, they saw that the yield was magnificent, far richer in proportion than they got themselves. They clearly perceived that, but yet they failed to follow a good example. Nay, when the labor of a few in some distant valley had resulted in a crop they were all unable to gather by themselves, the others would not even go and help them to bring home the sheaves. They preferred watching for weeds among the roses, in the overcrowded garden, and counting the blades of grass in the park, and the leaves on the trees.

Then they were fools, surely, not wise men? Traitors, not true servants to their Lord? Ah, I can't tell! You must ask Him that! I only know their Master said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and that, 1,900 years afterwards they had not even mentioned that there was a gospel, to one-half of the world.

"And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?"—Selected.

Sin in Christians?

The sin question is certainly a big one to-day. In individuals, homes, society, and everywhere, all kinds of sins seem more popular than ever before. Many preachers and leaders hold that sin is allowable, even in Christians. But what saith the Scriptures?

In the Old Testament there is some intimation that God overlooked sin more than now. Take the case of the two wives of Abraham, Jacob, and others, and men killing their enemies, taking captives and spoil in time of war, and at times carrying out schemes that seemed deceptive and dishonest. Yet, for this, God said, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23) and "Sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34), and it was so. Cain, Jacob, Lot, David, and others are examples of those who suffered for their sins. But in the Old Testament age men were changed in heart (Psa. 51:10), they were made holy (Psa. 86:2), and were powerful examples of prayer, faith, and true devotion to Jehovah and His laws. For example, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, David, Daniel and others.

But what about sin in the New Testament?

"There is none righteous, no not one." "All have sinned and come short" (Rom. 3). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6). "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "Whosoever committeth sin is of the devil" (1 John 3). "And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Sin is the one thing that displeases God and separates men from Him.

SIN'S REMEDY

Jesus is the Savior of sinners. He died on the cross, tasting death in the sinner's stead. Whosoever will may receive Him and be born again from above.

Those born again sin not (1 John 3:9). They are set free from sin (Rom. 6:22). They are commanded to sin no more. The blood of Jesus "cleanseth from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Jesus saves to the uttermost those coming to God by Him (Heb. 7:25). For He shall save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

Means used against sin and sinning

1. Jesus' blood. There is no other remedy for sin, none other is needed. Jesus' blood can make the vilest sinner clean, and keep him so.

2. Prayer. God says whosoever will call upon Him shall be saved. Just any one who comes honestly, He will accept and save.

3. Faith. We are saved by believing. Faith is the victory that overcometh the world (1 John 5:4). With such a remedy, so easily accessible, we may be kept securely to the end (1 Peter 1:5).

A Gist of My Travels to Various States

Twenty-one Conventions at This Writing

We have had and are still having the most wonderful conventions in the states, many say, we have ever had before. God is blessing. The reports are especially encouraging.

NEW MEXICO

While in the extreme west (California, New Mexico), the Lord did wonderfully bless. The first convention in the States this year was New Mexico with her little band of people, who reported a nice progress and gave a splendid offering to missions. At this writing it still holds 13th place in the twenty-ty-one conventions held.

CALIFORNIA

Next was California. Oh, what a wonderful time we had there! The Lord's presence was so real and the people seemed to appreciate the brethren and my coming so much. California stands 14th place in missions. They had gained some new churches and several good ministers. We certainly found an open and ripe field there.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE COLORED WORK

At the annual Assembly of our colored people, convening at Jacksonville, Fla., we found that our precious colored brethren had been working faithfully and had a glowing report which showed substantial gains for the year. May God bless them in their every endeavor.

ARKANSAS

Our next trip was to Arkansas. Of course this was during their planting season and many were hindered in attending, incidentally we are giving them another convention August 11 and 12th, where we are hoping to find a better report.

KENTUCKY

Next visited was Kentucky state convention at Somerset, which many, who had attended for years, said was by far the best one. It was rich in spirituality. They fed all the visitors FREE. You should have seen and enjoyed the blessings which came to this big Kentucky family. Kentucky held the record mission offering for one week, then lost to Alabama. Kentucky holds 10th place, and also reported many good revivals and a greater degree of co-operation in every way.

GEORGIA

Next in order was Georgia convention. We had a good time but Brother Hughes' sickness, which prevented his being present, hindered the meeting, I'm sure. However, everyone seemed to do his best to make the convention a success. They had had a number of good revivals and had made progress in their work. They are buying a nice site for a state camp ground and headquarters at Macon, the most centrally located city in the state. Their cash collection at the convention, for missions, holds 18th place. We were unable to spend the entire week-end with them as we had previously agreed and arranged to divide the time with Georgia's neighbor—Alabama.

ALABAMA

We arrived at Pratt City, Alabama, and found the building crowded to its capacity with hundreds outside eagerly desiring to see and hear. We enjoyed the messages, the reports were encouraging. Well, we just don't have room to try to tell of all the good things in these various conventions. Alabama caught the mission vision and plunged ahead to remain in the lead until the following week, when it was surpassed by North Carolina. Alabama holds 8th place in the cash offerings at the conventions.

NORTH CAROLINA

At Charlotte, North Carolina, we enjoyed the good messages seasoned with love, bubbling over with enthusiasm to see the Church grow in every way. The mission offering here was the greatest ever before, almost doubling any of the others up to that time this year, but the fifth convention following was Florida, who raised two and a half times the amount of North Carolina.

ILLINOIS

Our next meetings were a double-header during the same week-end. Brother Tharp and I certainly enjoyed this trip together, as we had so many in the past. Illinois surely had the crowds. With amplifiers outside, hundreds more were able to hear the good soul-stirring messages and great singing. The mission offering was taken after we left for Indiana. Illinois holds 20th place.

INDIANA

Indiana was eagerly awaiting our arrival for the services and God did bless there. I feel that much good was done. The people there seemed eager to do their part, especially in the mission offering. They gave until their rank stands 7th place.

MICHIGAN

Next I went to Michigan and the gracious Lord did bless so wonderfully. They had such a commodious building for the convention and were successful in feeding the hundreds who attended the meeting, free of charge. Due to the time of the collections, Michigan's orphan collection almost doubled mission offering and the same thing was true in Ohio.

OHIO

The orphanage collection in Ohio was the largest in any of the state meetings this year so far. The preachers in Ohio seemed at their best. God did graciously feed our souls and special efforts were put forth to arrange for a state camp meeting ground.

FLORIDA

From Ohio we rushed to Florida where the big camp meeting was in full sway. The waves of glory swept the place many times and if you have never heard a camp meeting shout you should attend at least one Florida camp meeting. Our schedule was so arranged that we were able to be with them only the two days devoted to the convention work and then we rode all night after service and all day, to Louisiana. Florida mission offering on the last Sunday of the camp meeting was the greatest cash offering raised in any of our state meetings before that time. Florida has experienced the greatest year in building church houses and parsonages and had also gained three times as many members by June as they had the whole year before.

LOUISIANA

Next was the Louisiana state convention. Shall I say the greatest state in the Union or just my "old home state"? At any rate, God was with us in a special way. For the first time in history, North and South Louisiana met in the same meeting. About fifty arrived from the southern end of the state for the first service, others came in later. They showed good gains in missions, aged ministers' funds, membership, and new churches, and are pressing onward. May God bless them.

TENNESSEE

The Tennessee state convention convened at Cleveland and many of our ministers and people came and enjoyed the good meeting. By co-operating with their state overseer in a special mission drive, and with the good liberal offering from the floor, we raised, up until just recently, the largest mission offering this year. Many of the churches reported 100 per cent on all the drives. The visit of our people through our new publishing plant seemed to be appreciated by all.

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REVIVALS

We just closed a wonderful revival at East Lynn, W. Va. We had a wonderful revival. The dear Lord put His approval on the services. Many souls were revived. There are some good, loyal saints there. Pray for me, I am in the work for lost souls.—Your brother in Christ, W. B. Branham, Louisa, Ky.

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We closed a fifteen days' revival at Shepherds Fold, La. July 19. Brother J. B. Cole is pastor there. This truly was a good revival. Eight were filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the church and seven baptized in water. All of this number were grown settled men and women. One good old sister I believe was eighty-nine years of age. The congregation was good throughout the meeting. We found that our good Brother Cole, who received the Holy Ghost in Mississippi while I was the overseer, surely has the confidence of the people, both saint and sinner, and the church want him for their pastor another year. I will long remember the good people at Shepherds Fold, La.

At this writing we are in the beginning of a revival at Rome, Ga. and as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to them that are at Rome. We are having an altar full of seekers, so pray much for us. Brother W. H. Black is the pastor at Rome and he is a good, sweet-spirited man of God and a fine pastor. He has done more for the Rome church in his almost three years' pastorate, I believe, than has ever been done before. There are around eighteen or more good male members there now, I think.—Respectively, E. B. Culpepper.

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GRASSHOPPER, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for the two weeks' revival just closed here which was conducted by Brother Harris, pastor from the Mount Olive, Tenn. Church of God. Several were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and four were added to the church. Large crowds attended the meetings and they heard the gospel, for Brother Harris surely did some good preaching. The entire church was blessed. We just give God all the praise for sending him here. Please pray that God will continue to bless the work here.—Your sister in Jesus, Miss Mistie Hixson.

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OLNEY, Tex.—Brother Everett and Sister Era Mitchell have just closed a three weeks' revival at Olney, Tex. The revival was in all respects one of the most successful ever held here. There were huge crowds, and the altar was filled almost every service. Nineteen were saved, nineteen sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and five added to the church. The saints observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing the last night of the meeting. The Lord surely blessed and set His approval on this meeting.—Yours truly, W. Lee Shires, pastor.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—I really thank the Lord for victory. Brother J. R. Sanders has been with us in a revival at Cedar Creek and here at Fayetteville. He did some wonderful preaching. The Lord blessed and much good has been done. Good help has been added to the church. We have our new tabernacle ready for service and are out of debt with the exception of ten dollars. Pray for us and our work here and at Cedar Creek, a new work. We are devoting our full time to the work now. Our work at Fayetteville is coming along fine. Please remember us.—A servant, W. I. Bass, Box 139.

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GASTONIA, N. C.—I praise God for the wonderful six weeks' tent meeting which has just closed at South Gastonia. Brother B. F. Darnell, our worthy pastor, did most of the preaching. There were about fifty saved, several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-three baptized in water, and twenty-one added to the church. Our Sunday School attendance July 26 was two hundred ninety-three. We worship in a tabernacle which is too small but we are planning to build a new church. We are truly praising God for His many blessings. Pray for us that we will always be at our post of duty for the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lois Slaton, Smyre Station.

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SLATER, S. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here. Brother L. J. Stone did the preaching and he did some wonderful preaching. The power of God would come down in a mighty way. The church was surely blessed. Eight were saved, two sanctified, and some others blessed. This place surely needs the prayers of God's children. Pray that our Sunday School will grow.

My companion and another brother are trying by the help of the Lord to start a Sunday School in a new field. Pray that they will have success for the Lord.

I surely thank God for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister O. H. Tollison. Please pray for this place. We have a prayer answering God. Please pray that God will touch my body. If Brother Rouse reads this, please pray for my companion, he has a cancer and is ruptured. Pray that God will undertake.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. H. C. Gregory.

McCALL CREEK, Miss.—We just closed a three weeks' meeting here conducted by the pastor, Brother Horace Taylor, with eight filled with the Holy Ghost, one reclaimed. I don't know the exact number sanctified. It was the best meeting we have had for sometime. The saints are encouraged. We had large crowds every night. The Lord manifested His presence in every service. Some healings were performed. Eight were added to the church.

We are surely glad of Brother Taylor and his good wife. Brother T. M. McClendon, our state overseer, preached one sermon for us. We enjoyed the message. Brother George Tingle conducted the song services. Everybody enjoyed the singing.

Please pray for me and my children that they will be saved. Pray that the Lord will put it on some one's heart to come here and stay till the victory is won. It is a large place.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. J. R. Newell, 221 Main St., Natchez, Miss.

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CONCORD, N. C.—I praise the Lord for the tent revival which recently closed here at Concord. Thirty-six were saved, eighteen sanctified, seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. God wonderfully blessed. Eternity alone will tell the good done. Brother W. T. Nelson of Charlotte, N. C. was in charge of the meeting. God surely blessed in every service. We have nearly doubled our membership since the Assembly. All near-by churches are invited to come and help us. Please pray that God will continue to save precious souls.—A brother in Christ, J. W. Carter, Rt. 5, Box 320.

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BINGER, Okla.—I praise the Lord for the good meeting which we just closed. Two were saved and sanctified, one added to the church, and five baptized in water. Sister Mollie Wilson did the preaching and it surely was good, for which we thank the Lord. All who read this be sure and pray for us here at Binger.—Your brother in the Lord, L. O. Cooper.

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Church Dedicated

OLD FORT, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful way He blessed the Church of God at Old Fort, N. C., on Aug. 2. Our beloved state overseer, John L. Stephens, dedicated the church to the use and glory of God.

We feel that God is going to do a wonderful work here in the near future, for we surely have a good pastor, Brother and Sister M. T. Ray. We praise the Lord for both of them.—Yours under the blood, Sister Anthony.

REPORTS

Dalton, Ga. Dist. Convention

The Dalton, Ga. district convention of the Church of God convened here July 25-27. We are glad to report that it was a successful convention, with greater blessings even than we had been anticipating. Words cannot express the richness of God's blessings during the convention.

Service opened Friday night with song service and prayer. The welcome address was given by our good pastor, Brother J. P. Green, followed by response by Brothers C. F. Strickland, Claude Richardson, and W. W. Cantrell. After this we had a testimony service led by Brother Arthur Jones. Shouts of joy and praise rang out through the building as the saints glorified God and shouted the victory.

Saturday morning after the devotional service, Brother J. R. Davis delivered a most interesting sermon which was very much enjoyed. Following this was a sermon by Brother John Devlin, which was also enjoyed. In fact, everything about the convention was enjoyed. Next was the address by our beloved state overseer, Brother J. P. Hughes, which was inspiring and most enjoyable. In the afternoon following song and prayer service were the reports of the churches on the district. Each church was well represented. Brother J. P. Hughes then gave instructions on work and doctrine, which were very beneficial. The praise service was conducted by Sister Devlin Saturday night. After this Brother Hughes brought a forcible message. It was a wonderful message. One backslider was reclaimed.

We assembled Sunday morning, having the regular Sunday School march and offering. Brother Daniel, state superintendent, talked on the Sunday School work. The reports were exceedingly good and the Sunday Schools showed a remarkable increase this year. In fact, they exceeded our expectations. At eleven o'clock we were blessed with a sermon by Brother J. P. Hughes on "Our Spiritual Bodies." It surely was food to our hungry souls. The glory of God came down in such an overwhelming way that Brother Hughes had to stop his message for a while as the saints rejoiced. Then came the mission offering which amounted to $62.00. Sinners' hearts were touched and they were melted to tears as even they gladly contributed to this great cause.

Sunday afternoon was well spent in song and prayer service. Several special songs were rendered throughout the afternoon. Praise service was wonderful with Brother Swift in charge. We can truly say it was joy unspeakable and full of glory. Sunday night we had a good sermon on "Seek" by Brother Harvey Nix followed by an altar call.

The convention was a great blessing. It closed amid handshakes and good-byes with everyone feeling greatly benefitted by having attended the convention. Pray for the work here that it may grow for the glory of our soon coming King.—Maggie Scruggs, corresponding secretary.

Efforts Were Not in Vain

After closing a wonderful meeting at Canton, Ga. I came home, I thought, for a few days' rest. When I arrived home I found a revival in progress at Hartwell, my home church. Brothers Sheldon Brock and George Lankford were in charge. I attended every service for almost three weeks. I couldn't take the time to rest when many souls were at stake. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way during the meeting. One night the Holy Ghost took charge and no one preached. A number were blessed in this service.

One Sunday during the revival we had home coming with dinner. Several good speakers were present. One of the number was Brother J. W. Heaton from Calhoun, Ga. with his family. He preached a wonderful sermon for us.

During the revival twenty-four were saved, eight sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven added to the church, and nine baptized in water. Brothers Brock and Lankford's efforts were not in vain. They are consecrated young men and worked faithfully while here. Their music and songs were enjoyed by all. We pray for their success wherever they go.—Humbly, Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

New Work at Cherry Lake, Fla.

CHERRY LAKE, Fla.—We have just begun a new work at Cherry Lake, Fla. and are already having services in our new tabernacle, although it is not completely finished. Please pray for God to send the people out to the meetings and save their precious souls.

We were just called out to pray for one man who has been suffering greatly for the past two months with severe pains in his back and stomach. He and other members of his family have accepted Christ as their personal Savior since he has been sick, praise the Lord, and he earnestly requests prayer for his soul and body. Please do not forget to pray for him as his case is very urgent. Also pray for the others in the family. —A. B. Lane.

Lord Blessing in a Wonderful Way

I praise God for His Son Jesus. Bless His dear name. For several weeks there was no service held at Parks Road on account of the very heavy rainfalls and Evangelist Edith Clarkson not residing there, but, to my surprise, God was only working out another plan.

Recently I went down to see my overseer. While we were speaking, he made mention to me that they were thinking of letting me take over the work at Parks Road. The other week the overseer, H. A. Hudson, and Bishop S. A. Robertson consented for me to take up the responsibility of the work. I was glad when the suggestion was made, but as the agreement was made my flesh gave way, but thank God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

On the 27th of June I went up to Parks Road. We held service on Sunday. The folks were glad to see me. At the eleven o'clock service the Lord blessed us in a wonderful way. When we started service the sinners began to mock until the power increased and they were drawn into the service. The Holy Ghost caused them to listen to the message. Many went away wounded. I request special prayer that we may win them before they are lost. Pray much for the success of the work here and that I may be ready to go when Jesus comes.—Your brother in Christ, Author D. Henry, Box 390, Kingston, Jam.

The Lord Came to Our Rescue

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—We praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing at Brownfield. His good Spirit has been with us in a special way. Sunday night there were about sixteen at the altar. Four were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School is growing. The whole church seems encouraged. We are so glad that when the way looked dark we kept looking to Jesus and He heard and answered prayer. We had to do without a piano for a while but the dear Lord came to our rescue and helped us buy one, also a new windmill. We are so glad we can swing out on His promises.

I request prayer for my dear sister and husband who lost their oldest little boy the eighth of July. Pray that the Lord will help them in this trying hour. Also pray for their little girl who took sick like the little boy one week after he died and was in the hospital. Pray for the Lord to give us a great revival. We're planning to begin one right after the camp meeting. Pray that we will stay in the Lord's will.—Mrs. B. A. Ratchford.

A Battle Won at Goldsboro, North Carolina

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—On June 9 we started a battle against sin and all its works. This battle was hot and heavy, and not many soldiers to fight. But we would recall that good song, "The Harder the Battle, the Sweeter the Victory." We preached, prayed, and sang for six weeks and the dear Lord blessed all the way through. Our good state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, came to our rescue on July 4 and preached a wonderful message that everybody enjoyed and organized a church with fifteen members. The next night, July 5, he took in ten more. In a few nights we took in ten more, making thirty-five members in all. Seventy-four were saved, thirty-five sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and eighteen baptized in water. We took in about six preachers in this number.

We prayed for one sister who had had a stroke. Her hand was drawn so she could not straighten it out at all. The dear Lord came on the scene and healed her hand and she could use it any way.

We bought a small building 18x50 and owe only $25.00 on it. We will move it to a better location as soon as possible Please pray for our little church in Goldsboro, N. C. We have conducted four revivals in new places this year and have organized four new churches.

We do enjoy working in the state of North Carolina. We have a crowd of good preachers to work with, also a fine state overseer, Brother Stephens. We are now in Newbern, N. C. and started a revival Saturday night, July 25. Two were saved Sunday night. Please pray for our success here.—H. E. Ramsey and band.

Can Feel the Effect of Prayer

Dear saints of God, after a two weeks' revival with many blessed, even backsliders coming back home, we had all day service in the grove on the mountain, beginning early Sunday morning with singing, praying, and testifying. Brother Myers of Draper, N. C. brought a wonderful message after which we were dismissed until the afternoon service. Dinner was served on the grounds and there were many good things to eat, for which we were thankful.

In the afternoon Brother Crowder and a load from Wake Forest, N. C. came, also another preacher from Durham. Four sermons were preached that day and one that night. The services closed with handshakes and good-night.

Last night we began another revival on the mountain of which Brother Myers will be in charge. We organized a Sunday School with thirty-five on roll.

Brother John L. Stephens, our good state overseer, who is behind us with his whole heart, is encouraged for us to go on. We do want the saints everywhere to become burdened for this place, as we know and can feel the great effect of their prayers everytime we meet. Pray that a Church of God will be set in order here. God is able.

A load of us went over to Draper about seventy miles when they were having a good revival. My wife got very sick on the way and we had to stop twice and let her relax, but when we got in that good service in North Danville, Va. she got healed. A beautiful sight was five or six small girls, about seven to twelve years of age, shouting and dancing under the power of the Holy Ghost. How I thank God for the Church of God. Glory to God!

The other night between one and two o'clock some one knocked on my door. A man said his wife was very sick and wanted me to go pray for her. When we arrived she was on the porch struggling for breath. She could not talk and her throat was swollen and filled with phlegm caused from pulling a tooth several days before that. We took her in the house, went to our God in prayer and in a few minutes she got quiet, got so she could speak. Her throat cleared up and about three o'clock she said she felt safe to lie down. We give God who is worthy of the honor the praise. Let's love each other and pray for each other which we will do if we are where God would have us be.—Humbly, A. F. Wilson, West Hillsboro, N. C.

God is Blessing in Every Way

ST. ELMO, Tenn.—I thank and praise the Lord becuase the blood is still flowing through my soul in these dark days. I thank Him for the progress the Church of God at Kelly's Ferry is making. God has been wonderfully blessing in every undertaking and pouring out His richest blessings upon His people.

I also thank God for a pastor like Brother Floyd Erwin, who preaches the full teachings of the Bible undivided. Our Sunday School is increasing in attendance and interest. Our Y. P. E. is rising and shining. We have a large number of young people in our meeting. Some have accepted this great plan of salvation and are stepping out on the battlefield for Jesus.

Brother Ernest Sexton has been conducting a singing school in which the people have been taking great interest. In fact, every saint of God here seems to realize there is a great work to do. I desire the prayers of all saints that I will stay in the center of God's will and always be an overcomer.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Maude McNabb.

New Work Progressing

SALEM, Oregon.—Dear Evangel readers and the Church of God, I deem it a privilege and joy to send in a report of our newly established Church of God in Salem, Oreg. The church was organized July 5, 1936. The work is going fine, considering the busy time of the year in Oregon. We have learned to love our state overseer and wife, Brother and Sister L. L. Milam. They have been wonderful encouragement to us. We love their anointed messages in word and song. It has created more of a hunger for God and to be drawn closer to our Master's feet. They have made a great sacrifice for Christ.

Brother and Sister Pearson from Wyoming were with us in a few weeks' revival. Our young people of our C. of G. Y. P. E. are taking a great interest. Many are coming from other churches and helping in giving out the word and special song. Recently Brother and Sister Parker gave us a week's revival which was enjoyed by all.

Pray that we may all be drawn closer to the Lord, filled with His Spirit and more of His love, that we will be willing and obedient workers for Christ and His Church, of which we have been called.—Mrs. Leona Einfeldt, 1085 Garnet St.

Eldorado, Ill. Dist. Conv'n.

The Eldorado district convention convened at Shawneetown, Ill., July 5. Everyone enjoyed himself. We had good services. Dinner was served on the grounds.

Brother Curry, the district Sunday School superintendent, and Brother J. R. Thomas, district pastor, were present.

We thank all visiting churches for their presence and co-operation.—Your brother in Christ, Eldon Brayfield, pastor, Christopher, Ill.

Another Church in Rock Hill, S. C. District

GREAT FALLS, S. C.—We began a revival at Lancaster, S. C., July 20. The enemy worked hard against us but God gave us victory. Thank the Lord! Twelve were saved, ten sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and a church set in order with nine members by the writer. Brother J. M. Harvell was appointed clerk. How God did bless us together.

We will have services every Friday night and Sunday afternoons at three o'clock. We invite all neighboring churches to come and be with us. Pray for us.—Yours in the Master's service, J. W. Hannah, pastor, Great Falls Church of God.

MISSIONS

MY VISIT TO JERUSALEM

By J. H. Ingram

I will not be able to enumerate, much less describe all the places visited in and about the Holy City, for lack of space. However, I should like to mention a few of the most important ones.

One of the most famous and sacred spots in the old city is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the traditional site of Calvary, and Joseph's "New Tomb" where the body of our Lord was laid after the crucifixion. Six different religious groups worship there regularly, namely, the Eastern Orthodox, the Armenians, the Coptics, the Syrians, the Roman Catholics, and the Abyssinians—Ethopians. The latter named group now occupy space on the roof of the church. They have built a small village and a shrine up there, and you might imagine yourself in Africa after looking about the place.

On entering the main church, one may see the stone slab on which it is said the body of Jesus rested after being taken down from the cross. Then you are taken up a flight of steps to Calvary, the scene of the raising of the cross, and shown the place where the cross was fitted into the rock after being lifted up—at least that is the way it looked to me. It was a dark cavernous place throughout and we only had small candles to light up the way. Then there are the cracks in the rock, thought to have been made by the earthquake which shook the place at the time of the crucifixion.

Next comes the visit to the Holy Sepulchre itself. It is covered by a small shrine in the main rotunda of the church and has little in common that would suggest the original likeness of the tomb, as it has been altered from time to time and rebuilt, or remodeled as the church itself was reconstructed after being destroyed a number of times. The present building dates back some 800 years to the times of the Crusaders. Still it has been rebuilt five times. We entered the tomb by stooping rather low and lighting the way with candles. The original stone is covered with a marble slab, to guard it against further desecration by curio seekers, or vandals. In the house of Caiaphas we saw the "Angel's Stone" which was rolled against the door of the tomb according to tradition.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is thoroughly spoiled from the Protestant point of view, by the myriads of lamps and other religious trappings strung about the place.

Some doubt the authenticity of the present "Calvary," but at least there are 1,600 years of firm tradition back of it, and we shall endeavor to weave a little history into the story. Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus in A. D. 70. After that the city lay in ruins until about A. D. 130, when a flame of rebellion sprang up among the Jews. Emperor Hadrian, who had conquered Britain in the name of Rome, could do nothing with the Scots, so he built a stone wall across the frontier of what is now England, to keep them back, and brought his best general, Julius Severus, to Jerusalem. He began a merciless war in which about 580,000 persons were slain in sieges and nearly 600 fortified towns and villages were captured. The Jewish problem was ended after their leader was literally torn to pieces with white-hot irons. The Hadrian decided to rebuild the city which he renamed "Aelia Capitolina," a blending of his own name Aelius with that of the god Jupiter Capitolinus. So once more the Judean Hills round about Jerusalem began to reverberate with the peaceful sound of the stonemason's chisel. About the first thing the emperor does is to erect a stone wall twenty-feet in height around the site of Calvary. The enclosure was 160x300 feet and was filled with concrete and rubble-broken stone. After being leveled off and furnished with soil, a grove of trees was planted, and above the site of Calvary was built a small temple, and a marble statue to Venus was set up. Over the Holy Sepulchre was placed a statue of Jupiter.

The city, one of dignified white columns and colonades, had its forum and temple. The walls were rebuilt on the old Jewish ramparts, and so Aelia Capitolina was finished and dedicated to Jupiter in 136 A. D. on the twentieth anniversary of the reign of Hadrian. About 236 A. D. Hadrian's Temple was pulled down, at the instance of Constantine and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built. During the excavations made to uncover the site of Golgotha, St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, the Christian emperor, found the cross, it was claimed, in a deep rock cistern near Calvary.

During comparative recent years another site has been discovered outside the walls of the present city, which is thought by many to be the site of Calvary, as it is near the rock known as "The place of the skull"—since there is the likeness of a human skull to be seen. There is a garden also with a rock-hewn tomb. This is referred to as "Gordens Calvary," since it was discovered by one General Gorden. I visited this site and while it was quite original in appearance, it did not impress me as being the place of our Lord's entombment. In the first place the entrance was too wide, and too high as well, to require a person to stoop to see inside. Both John and Mary stooped to look inside the sepulchre of our Lord. John 20:5, 11. Also this place is too prominent to have been concealed for so long if it was the real Holy Sepulchre—in my opinion. Then the fact that Hadrian took so much pains to cover up the present site of Calvary, is not to be overlooked, and that, too, only a 100 years after Christ. Altho the present Church of the Holy Sepulchre is inside the walls of the city, everything seems to point to the fact the site was without the walls existing in the time of our Lord. They were farther to the south, so as to enclose the pool of Siloam, which I will describe later. At least the first wall followed this course. Of late, ruins of still another wall have been found, which would enclose, even Gorden's Calvary. The present walls of Jerusalem were built about 400 years ago.

Other places of interest visited within the old city included the pool of Bethesda and the Judgment Hall of Pilate, which have been partially restored. Then there was the rock-hewn prison where Christ was supposed to have been shut up. There is also the "Dome of the Rock" the Mohammedan Mosque built over Mt. Moriah, where Abraham came to offer Isaac, and where the temple was later built. This was closed to visitors on account of the trouble between the Moslems and Jews. We did, however, visit the wailing place of the Jews outside the old temple walls. No prayers may be made at this time, so they write out their petitions and stuff the papers containing them in the cracks between the stones.

Outside the walls, and near to Zion gate is a Mohammedan mosque which stands above the traditional site of the last supper, and the upper room, where the Holy Ghost was first poured out. This site is thought to be authentic. The present building dates back from the time of the Crusaders, I believe. The Moslems came into possession of it during the Turkish rule, doubtless. I was taken up to the reconstructed "upper room," which was covered with carpets, then up another short flight of steps to the tomb of David. Here we saw a large sarcophagus covered with gold embroidered green cloth. It was said to contain the remains of the great king and those of his son Solomon. I was rather

dubious about whose bones they might have inside, if indeed, the tomb contained anything at all. We were required to remove our shoes before walking across the floor of "the upper room" to the tomb.

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

We will now describe some of the other places visited outside the walls of the old city. One place of particular interest was Solomon's Quarries. This is thought to be the place where the stones came from that went into the building of the king's house and the temple of the Lord at Jerusalem. I shouldn't wonder if it is not the greatest man-made cavern in the world to-day. It was truly awe-inspiring. It is entered through a small opening on the upper side of the old city, between the gates of Damascus and Herod's, and slopes rapidly downward to a very great depth. We went through the main opening for a distance of about three hundred yards. About midway down we came to a room, more or less round in shape, and perhaps a hundred and fifty feet in diameter, by forty feet in height. This place was being used by the Mason's Lodge as a meeting room. We carried lighted candles which flickered in the damp, cool air of the subterranean depths, reflecting strange contrasts of light and shadow. The descent was rather steep in places as we continued to the lower levels, and there were other openings leading off in different directions, which appeared to undermine the whole of the present walled area of Jerusalem. There was quite a draft coming up from below, and we could feel the cool air blowing back in our faces. Occasionally some one's candle would be blown out and he would be calling for a light. We had to be careful not to venture too far from our guide—who was following the well beaten path—lest we fall into one of the deep pits or shafts leading to other openings.

We were climbing over chippings left behind by the stone masons, and could see that all the cutting had been done by hand, and quite natural, since blasting powder was unknown in those days. Thousands of tons of broken rock had been dumped back into old shafts and tunnels, and as we scrambled along our shadows were reflected against the ghostly-white walls, forming grotesque figures, and presenting a weird scene indeed. Coming to a spring that had been hewn out of the rock, we refreshed ourselves from the clear, cool water, that was filtering through the stone overhead. At this point we abandoned our exploration of Solomon's Quarries—which seemed just to have begun. And before leaving the subject, I might state that these ancient stone-cutting works have been discovered in comparative recent years. An English gentleman was taking a walk around the walls of the city accompanied by his dog which began to bark around what was probably a rat or rabbit hole which led to the discovery of the present entry to the quarries. That is about as high as an ordinary garage door, and a little wider. There are surface cuttings connected with these great rock mines that run in an easterly direction through the whole of Calvary Hill. The southern face of this rock-cut forms the foundation of the north wall of the city at this point and is about twenty feet high, I should judge, perhaps half the height of the wall itself. The cut in question is around a thousand feet in width, and the lower part of it has been paved, forming a splendid highway. The upper side of the stone cuttings form the "Place of the Skull"—mentioned heretofore—and rises to a height of some forty feet or more. On top this "man-made cliff" is the site of "Gorden's Calvary," which is occupied by a Moslem-Mohammedan cemetery. Directly beneath are other quarries—or caverns—occupied by Bedouin tribes as living quarters. To the right is Jeremiah's Grotto, and a little to the left is "The Garden Tomb" hidden from view behind a stone wall.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

To the churches, pastors, and Sunday Schools of Tennessee: You are again reminded of the Tennessee State Sunday School convention which convenes Sunday, August 30th, at Mt. Olive Church of God, five miles from Cleveland, Tenn. Services begin promptly at 9:30, and continue until late in the afternoon. At the noon hour dinner will be spread on the ground, old-fashioned style, and all visitors and delegates are requested to bring your well-filled baskets and let's all eat together. Brother Otis L. McCoy has promised to be there with his big music band from Cleveland, as well as some good singers from other parts of the state. Brother M. P. Cross, our state overseer, will be present, and other good speakers will be on program. Representatives are expected from all over the state to help make this day a real success in Sunday School work. Come praying and expecting the Lord to bless, and let's have a real Sunday School convention in Tennessee this year.—Woodrow Byrd, state S. S. Supt., Rt. 1, c/o S. J. Hawkins, Rossville, Ga.

NOTICES

We will have an all-day service at the Church of God in Bartow, Fla., E. Ray St., the last Sunday in this month. (Aug. 30). We are expectjng our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, to dedicate the church building. Part of the program will be for the encouragement of our Sunday School. Come one and all, bring a well-filled basket, exchange your baskets of eats for a basket of blessings for we are expecting God to be here.—Pastor Alex J. Duncan.

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The Church of God at Erastus, N. C. We have our church built again, for which we praise the dear Lord, and are planning to have a dedication service the fifth Sunday in August. Everybody welcome. Bring well-filled baskets as there will be dinner on the ground.—J. L. Watt, pastor.

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The little book on "The Twofold Aspect and Final Consummation of the Church" is now on sale at TEN CENTS each. This will take care of the printing and mailing expense and we do not desire any profit from the sale of this publication.

The book is an outline for study on the Government, Membership, and Rapture of the Church. It deals with the Church both as a body and a building, and proves it to be an organism and an organization. We feel sure that God gave us the contents of the book after much study on the vital topics it introduces, and we believe it will be helpful to any one who is interested in the subject of when and how we become members of the Church of God, and wish to study its government and triumphant presentation to Christ.

We insist that you read it and study the topics introduced. If it proves helpful to you just give God the praise. If you have criticism to offer, please tell me first. Order from the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.—Yours for Bible government and Bible doctrine in the Church of God, J. P. Hughes.

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I am saved, sanctified, have the Holy Ghost, and belong to the Church of God at Albemarle, N. C. I have a string band and I want some one to come to Norwood, N. C. with a tent and run a revival. Please prav that God will send some one.—Your brother, Hugh Thompson, Norwood, N. C.

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We are in an open air meeting here and God is blessing. Pray that Lenoir City will have the best revival they have ever had. This is my third meeting here this year. Those wishing my service write me.—C. E. Richard, Gen. Del., Lenoir City, Tenn.

If we would lead people to Christ we must be led by Christ, as it is just as much our duty to let Christ lead us as it for us to lead souls to Him. And should we attempt to lead souls to Him when we are not ourselves being led by Him we would only lead them away from Him.

South Carolina State Convention Great Success

The South Carolina state convention convened in the beautiful brick church at Greenville, S. C. with Brother R. P. Johnson, state overseer, serving as moderator. The convention was truly a great success. Approximately fifteen hundred delegates attended. We were privileged to have with us Brother J. H. Walker, our beloved General Overseer; Brother Zeno Tharp, Superintendent of Education; Brother E. M. Ellis of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Brother H. L. Whittington of Kannapolis, N. C.; Brother John L. Stephens, overseer of North Carolina; and other visiting ministers from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

The music and singing was the very best. Music was furnished by the Greenville band assisted by Paul Stover of Rock Hill, with Sister Mary Dedge of Alma, Ga. at the piano, the Hix sisters trio of Greenville, the Burnett sisters trio of Texas, the Hanvey family, the Happy Four male quartet, and Owel Denson were at their very best in singing.

Laughter and song, weeping and prayers, tongues and interpretations, preaching and heavenly music characterized this great convention. Frequently it was impossible for the Lord's ministers to minister by reason of the glory of the Lord, for the people were blessing and praising God, making one sound to be heard in the large auditorium.

Brother Paulk, local pastor, gave the welcome address. He made every one feel at home and throughout the entire convention, he surely did his part to extend a warm and sincere welcome to all. The local members proved that they welcomed by the way they opened their homes and entertained during the entire convention. Response was given by Brother W. H. Horton of Union, and Sister Margaret Jacobs of Rock Hill. Brother A. B. Reed of Charleston preached, "Putting God First."

Friday was a glorious day in the Lord. Surely every one was at his very best. Brother R. P. Johnson preached, "Concord, Communion and Consecration." Brothers Johnson, J. H. Walker, and Zeno Tharp spoke in behalf of the Publishing House interest. The other speakers for the morning service were: Nettie Hanvey, "Women Workers;" C. E. McAbee, "Unity;" and W. D. Childers, "Constant Work." The other speakers and subjects for the day were: "The Church at War," J. R. Mullinax; "Divine Healing," J. C. Childers; "The Preacher at His Best," E. M. Ellis; "Putting the Church Program Over," J. D. Bright; and "Living for Others," Brother John L. Stephens.

Saturday morning after a very touching song and prayer service, Brother Clyde C. Cox preached, "Why? When? Where? Who?" Brother J. H. Walker preached a very inspiring and helpful sermon on "Church Hindrances." In the afternoon Brother Zeno C. Tharp talked on "The Educational Department." After this came the reports of the districts. There were truly some wonderful reports. Brother Walker informed us that we were ahead of many leading states in soul saving. The reports showed an increase of approximately five hundred in church membership. The evening service was truly wonderful. Brother C. F. Grant, state superintendent of Sunday Schools, was in charge of a very interesting and helpful program. Brother Earl Paulk preached on "The Church's Security."

Sunday was a day never to be forgotten. Brother W. C. Dempsey preached, "The Church in Prayer." Brother Tharp preached a very touching sermon on "Missions." After this wonderful sermon an offering in the amount of $2,000 was given. There was weeping, there was shouting, as the pastors and workers placed their offering; the widows gave their mites and the children gave their pennies. A great many gave all they had. This mission drive was not put on by man, but by God, hence its great success. The churches and their offerings are as follows:

Greenville, $700; Fort Mills, $100; Anderson, $89; Langley, $81; Columbia, $80.30; Rock Hill, $75; LaFrance, $67; Greenwood, $63; Charleston, $51.50; Belton, $50; Blacksburg, $40; Cherokee Falls, $31.01; Dillon, $30; Hickory Grove, $30; Spartanburg, No. 1, $25.50; Warrenville, $25.25; Greer, $25.07; Ware Shoals, $25; Walhalla, No. 2, $24.50; Walhalla, No. 1, $23; Union, $21; Chester, $20; Orangeburg, $18.50; Easley, $16.67; McColl, $15; Laurens, $15; Y. P. E. Orangeburg, $13; Pelzer, $12.14; Bunker Hill, $11.11; Gaffney, $11.01; Lando, $10.50; Y. P. E. La France, $10.50; Central, $10.20; Winnsboro, $10; Cherry Hill, $8.40; Camden, $5.21; Seneca, $5.10; Slater, $5; Pickens, $5; Salem, $5; Lake City, $5; Spartanburg, No. 2, $5; Honea Path, $5; S. C. Chambers, $5; Tacapau, $5; Earle, $3.60; Bennettsville, $2.63; High Falls, $2.50; Jones Mountain, $2; Mt. Pleasant,

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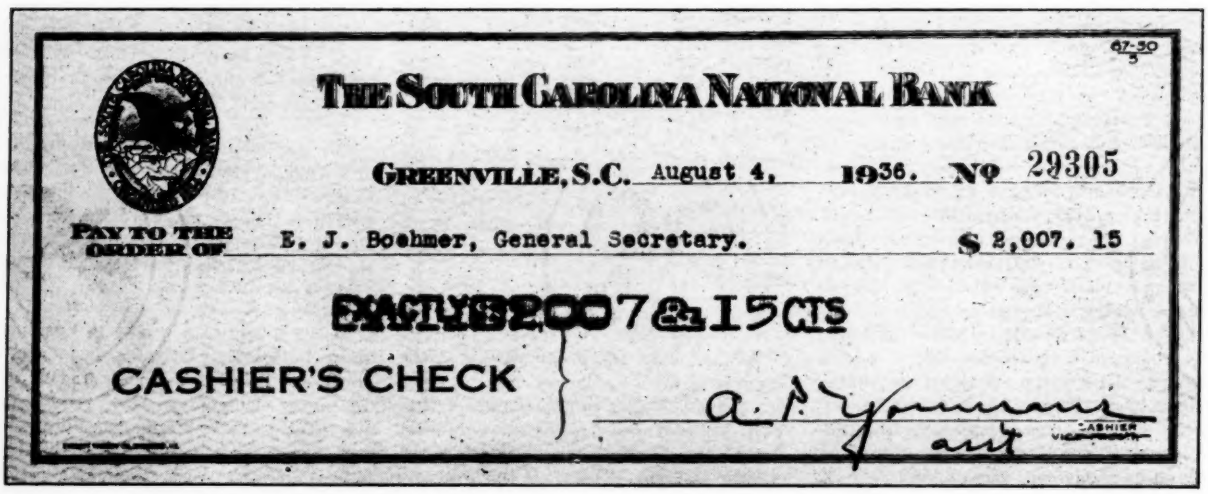
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Requests

I have been a member of the Church of God nearly two years, I am saved and seeking the Holy Ghost. I desire to work for the Lord and need more patience and love. I have a few debts that I am unable to pay. I ask each child of God to pray hard for me, that I may meet God's conditions in every way and be baptized with the Holy Ghost. I also have an unspoken request.—John H. Huff, Okeeffe, W. Va.

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Please pray a special prayer for my crippled ankle and my eyes. I have been crippled for twenty-five years. He has healed me of other diseases and healed in my home but somehow I cannot get victory for my crippled ankle. I believe prayer is all that can do me any good. I have had the Holy Ghost six years. Pray for my unsaved husband to be saved.—Bertha Jackson, Tupelo, Ark.

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Dear saints, please join me in prayer for the healing of dear Sister Ethel Maples. She needs your prayers and doesn't have the privilege of going to service.—A sister in the Church of God, Lula Milam.

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I request prayer for my body. Please, everybody, pray for me to be healed. I have been sick ever since the 3rd of last April.—Mrs. W. W. Brugh, 722 R. R. Ave., Bedford, Va.

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I have been very sick eleven weeks, was almost paralyzed in one side. We called in the saints to pray for me and by fasting and holding on to God He would give me relief for a while, then when the saints were gone the enemy would jump on my body again. Some one suggested that I go to the hospital as my blood was almost gone. I went and they gave me a blood transfusion and I am able to sit up. I know it is through the prayers of the saints that I am as well as I am. I am in a very weakened condition and need the prayers of all the saints. I am not taking any medicine for I don't believe in it. I haven't been able to attend services in three months and the enemy tries to discourage me but by God's help I intend to go through.—One who loves the Lord, Mrs. Wilson Sharp, Rt. 1, Bush, La.

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Please continue to pray for the revival here at Chandler, Okla. It broke through last Sunday night and the power fell. Five were saved, three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We had an old-time, Pentecostal shower. Pray that the other holiness people will become interested and be enlightened on the Church. Pray for Brothers Turner Hall and Wiley E. Wright, that God will touch their tongues with a coal off the altar, to preach to this people. Pray for us.—Janette Rose.

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I once was saved and lived a Christian life but went back before I received the Holy Ghost. I want to find God again and enjoy salvation. Pray for my wife and me, also pray for Brother Roberts. —H. Chapman, Merrimac, W. Va.

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I request prayer for my little three-month-old girl, five-year-old boy, and me, that the Lord will heal our bodies. I know the Lord can make us whole. Pray that God will give me and my husband more wisdom, knowledge, and power to stand the wiles of old Satan, that we may ever be found faithful.—Lily Euline Lee, Decatur, Ala.

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Dear readers, please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body, every member of my body from head to foot. I was in bed three weeks. The Lord has blessed and I am up but not able to do much house work. Pray that the Lord will give me a double portion of grace to go through and be a complete overcomer. For several years my health and strength have been failing more.—Mrs. Nellie Dunaway, Foxworth, Miss., Rt. 1, Box 70.

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Please pray for me as I have a bad cold and I want the blessing. I don't belong to the Church but my heart is turned that way. Also pray for my husband to get the blessing.—Mrs. W. M. Walker, Coalgood, Ky.

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Pray earnestly for my husband to receive the blessing. Pray that I will be ready when He comes or calls.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. C. C. Forister, Rt. 2, Culberson, N. C.

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Please pray as soon as you read this, for me and my father and mother. God knows just how to help me. Pray for my father and mother to get saved.—A brother in the Lord, Malcolm Moody, Rt. 3, Dillon, S. C.

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I request prayer for my little daughter. She has had chills almost three weeks. Also pray for my baby's ears which are very sore. Pray for all of us.—A sister, Lillie Williams, Monroe, La.

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Dear ones, pray for me. You dear boys who have old-time religion, remember a poor boy out in this sinful world without a father to talk to me and advise me. My father died when I was only twenty months old. My mother is a Christian and prays for me, I know, but I miss my father. Pray that God will save my soul and help me to get work. You good mothers who are burdened for the lost, pray for me.—J. C. Carver, Hoboken, Ga.

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Dear saints, I desire your prayers, that I may get closer to the Lord and do what He wants me to do. I have an unspoken request also.—Mrs. O. M. McKinny, Rt. 3, Union Mills, N. C.

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Pray for the healing of my body. I have stomach trouble and other trouble. Pray for my sister, that she will get the Holy Ghost and be healed.—Mrs. Ida Taff, 604 East 2nd St., Rome, Ga.

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Please pray until your prayers go through for the healing of my body. I have high blood pressure. Please pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my family to be saved.—Mrs. Florida A. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 199, Arcadia, Fla.

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Pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I have salvation and belong to the Church of God. I have failed the Lord in some way and the devil has afflicted my body. Pray that I will do the Lord's will and be healed. Pray for my unsaved husband and mother to be saved. —Velma Thrash, Sylacauga, Ala.

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Pray for me, that I will grow stronger in the way and for my grandmother who has been sick for three years. I also have some unspoken requests. Pray a special prayer for them.—Cornelia Buckner, Valdese, N. C.

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Pray for Sister Ada Clore who has T. B. and wants prayer. Please get her on your heart. She is a member of the Church of God at Verda, Ky.—S. B. McCane and wife, district overseer, Harlan district, Box 344, Cumberland, Ky.

NOTICES

To the churches which broadcast: I would like to hear from you as to what your station is and what days and hours you broadcast. I have many friends here who want to get in touch with the stations where the Church of God broadcasts.

I would like to know the address of Anna Ruth Brewer. Pray for me and remember my unsaved brothers and sisters, that God will cause them to realize they need to choose to-day whom they will serve.—Miss Ola Bramlett, 201 Whitlock Ave., Marietta, Ga.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Hubball, W. Va., Aug. 30. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket. We are expecting several preachers and a wonderful time in the Lord.—Dora Ferrell, clerk, Branchland, W. Va.

A Gist of My Travels to Various States

(Continued on page 6)

Tennessee ranks 2nd in the cash mission offering.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania convention was conducted in our own beautiful sixty-acre Egdewood Park which, I'm told, sold one time for $60,000, but our brethren secured it at a bargain and during the march of representatives they put down several hundred dollars in cash and much more in pledges. God blessed the meeting and much good was done, I'm sure. Their mission offering ranks 9th place. The Pennsylvanians are working.

NORTH DAKOTA

We left Pennsylvania Monday night, riding two days and nights to Minot, North Dakota, where we found a good camp meeting in full speed. The drought burned up the crops but the people were there to praise God for His marvelous salvation. Truly this was a camp meeting for they literally camped all about over the beautiful shady camp grounds. The offerings were exceptionally good, considering the fact that many had shipped their live stock out and had killed many others. The offerings averaged over $50.00 a day for the camp ground. When the mission offering was made they responded well. They now stand 5th place. God surely blessed. Brother Paul Walker started a drive to secure one hundred people to give him $25.00 each so as to raise the mortgage on the school and camp ground. By the close of the convention I believe he had fifty signers. A recent letter stated he had seventy-two and of course more by this time. The messages were inspiring and the people are standing side by side to promote the Church of God. They showed a gain in membership too. The Bible School there and of Cleveland also certainly had a good representation.

We rode down across North Dakota and South Dakota in a car with Brother Cloe Ledford and oh! how sad to see the fields just burned up. I was told there that thousands of acres of old burned grass I saw was last year's grass, that the grass had never come up at all this year. I know it was certainly hot and dry out there, but thank God, the people were willing and are doing a great work for God.

KANSAS, NEBRASKA, IOWA

Our next meeting was at Pittsburg, Kansas—the Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa convention. Each state was well represented in comparison to their churches and members. God was with us and we feel much good was done. Brother Snyder has had success in the work and I understand they are 100 per cent on all their drives. Kansas' rank in cash offerings for missions in 15th place.

OKLAHOMA

We rode through to Oklahoma with Brother Snyder. The temperature was 117 and it was certainly hot down in Oklahoma, but we had a wonderful time. Many souls were blessed. They have had a good year. At camp meeting, agreement and arrangements were made for their permanent camp grounds. They have built some new buildings this year. In missions the cash offering on Sunday reached 19th place.

WEST VIRGINIA

We left Oklahoma with the temperature at 120 degrees on Saturday, rode the train through to Bayard, West Virginia, on top of the Allegheny Mountains where it was raining. There we slept comfortably under two blankets and a spread. We found that good heaven-born feeling there with great shouts of victory. We had a number of visiting ministers and Brother Clark used them and made all feel welcome. They have had a splendid year there in the various departments of the work and are also working on a state camp ground project. They have bought a number of state tents and five revivals were in progress under the tents at time of state meeting. They showed a good gain in membership and are doing good in Sunday School work as well as many of the other states.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Our next convention was South Carolina and when we arrived we found the enthusiasm running at a high pitch in every department of the Church's program. I heard more about 100 per centers there than at any other place. I do believe the messages were inspiring and the preachers preached like 100 per centers. The mission spirit had caught fire throughout the entire state. You should have been there to enjoy the shouts of victory after the offering reached the $2,000. Brother Stephens, overseer of North Carolina, speaking Saturday night in regard to missions, said, "To be sure and certain, it looks like we Church of God people are going to get religion yet." Well, when we begin to think how our unfortunate people need to learn of Jesus and of the thousands perishing, and then remember that Christ gave His all, His very life for them, and commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and too, He said He would go with us all the way, even unto the end of the (age) world, we feel and know of a fact that He wants His people to be missionaries. God grant that we may have many capable and efficient missionaries and workers on the field soon—there is such a great work to be done here in our homeland also.

MISSISSIPPI

This week we left Greenville, South Carolina, state convention with Brother R. P. Johnson, drove to Atlanta for service Sunday night, then on to Cleveland, arriving about 2:00 a. m. Monday we drove until 1:30 a. m. to be in the Mississippi camp meeting and convention Tuesday and Wednesday. Their first camp meeting in years was indeed a great success. Over three-fourths of the ministers were present and people from all over the state, as well as visitors from other states. The dear Lord surely did bless there and they reported the greatest year in every way in years. They rank 11th place in cash mission offerings. Sister Mava Morgan reported a number of new Y. P. E's organized throughout the state. May God bless all as they endeavor to labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ—His Church in all its various departments.

I am speeding on toward Texas camp meeting as I write this summary. The Assembly is drawing near and we do hope and pray that the good, mellow, heavenly feeling prevalent in our state meetings will continue and at the Assembly we will be showered with the best of spiritual blessings ever received at any of our state meetings or at previous Assemblies.

The Mission Board is arranging for some of our missionaries from the field to attend the Assembly so they might see just what The Church of God is and for us to get better acquainted with our precious workers on the foreign fields.

Remember, you are welcome and especially invited to attend the Assembly, Oct. 2-8.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

NOTICES

Due to the fact that I want to pay off the printing bill of my little song book "Echoes of Heaven," I am making the following prices: three books, 25c; twenty-five books, $1.50; fifty books, $2.85; one hundred books, $4.50. Cash with order. This little book retails easily for 10c. Get yours while they last. It contains twenty songs such as "Tattler's Wagon," "Brother McCane's Testimony," and other late songs that are in demand.—S. B. McCane, Box 354, Cumberland, Ky.

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A revival began Sunday night, Aug. 16, at the Church of God at Buford, Ga., with Brother J. R. Davis doing the preaching. Please pray that God will pour out His Spirit and many souls will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church. —A. H. Griffin, pastor.

What is Your Measure?

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the good and WELFARE OF ALL MEN; never to give offence, nor injury, nor detriment to any man, whether friend or foe, but always and ever, striving to PLACATE, ENCOURAGE, ENLIVEN, ENLARGE, ENHANCE the BEAUTY, AND EXPLOIT THE VIRTUES, AND EXTOL THE FINENESS that charitable eyes discover in BEHOLD the good.

Some will immediately say: "We cannot but see EVIL in a life that harbors EVIL." It is true that the fruit of our life (whether good or bad) intrudes into the vision when men LOOK at us. But CHARITY "seeth no evil." The God of love, looking from heaven with piercing vision, saw a "will to do good" in man, crying out its wretchedness as it was repeatedly defeated and crippled in its intention, by the stronger force of "the ever-present evil." LOVE said: "I will send men MY POWER to enable them to CONQUER the 'ever-present evil,' and RELEASE their crippled WILL, that it may triumph in its struggle," consequently, the "golden text of the Bible"—John 3:16.

Human vision beheld Saul of Tarsus in a paroxysm of intense HATE, in a fit of violent rage, possessed with that "ever-present evil," "breathing out threatenings." But Jesus Christ saw too, and He replied in brief: "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." On Damascus road, Jesus Christ performed the miracle of subduing and enlisting to the great CAUSE, Christianity's violent enemy, by a supernatural OPERATION that released the CAPTIVE WILL of Saul from the icy morgue of a state of death, melted the icicles of that frigid soul of the Pharisee, and bathed it in the SUNSHINE of never-failing LOVE. The old rebel, Saul of Tarsus, dies. Now behold Paul (the little), whom the piercing eyes of LOVE had seen all the time beneath the veneer of his Pharisaical pride, and beneath the violent paroxysms of rage, arises to live the life of the NEW CREATURE, the beloved champion of the gospel and apostle to the Gentiles. Human judgment would have deemed Saul unstable, unfit, and worthy of no consideration from God; it would have committed Saul of Tarsus to the "extreme penalty." But LOVE divine orders otherwise.

Dear reader, what were you BETTER than Saul, the violent, before LOVE divine reached you on your "downward road?" If Jesus Christ could see in this man, who made "havoc of the church" and persecuted and murdered the defenseless children of God, GOOD, that He might resurrect and employ in the greatest campaign of all time; should we not profit by this lesson and LOOK for GOOD in others? Especially should we anticipate GOOD in those of "like precious faith" if we cannot be expected to see the merits of the disposition of those of like caliber as Saul of Tarsus. The shame is that many times, some of us are anxiously peering into the lives of God's own elect to discern, if possible, FAULTS AND FAILINGS that may serve to our advantage if we so deem it proper and advisable to HURT that one's character, or cripple his influence. I fear that sometimes we have a hallucination of the mind, and believe it is our heaven-sent, delegated authority, to correct the mistakes of all these we judge guilty of the slightest error. That would be fine if we would always employ the BIBLE'S "golden rule"—"Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you." God help us to LOOK through eyes of CHARITY and be guaranteed of RECEIVING THE SAME MEASURE. Amen.

Death Notices

WILLIAMS (Colored)

On July 5, 1936, the death angel visited the Cambridge hospital and claimed Brother Williams as his victim. Brother Williams was a deacon in the Church of God. He was twenty-one years, six months, and six days old. He was loved by both white and colored.—Elder Allen L. Stanley, pastor, East New Market, Md.

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MARTIN

On July 26, 1936, the death angel claimed our dear Sister G. W. Martin as its victim. She was sixty-eight years old and a charter member of the Church of God at McMinnville, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by our pastor, Brother W. S. Wilemon, and interment made in the Riverside cemetery. — Her sister in Christ, Mrs. V. V. Maxwell, Rt. 1, Morrison, Tenn.

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PARSON

Annie Lou Parson, daughter of Brother and Sister Edgar Franklin of Pratt City, was born Nov. 28, 1914, and died July 14, 1936. She was a member of the Church of God at Pratt City, Ala. The funeral was held by our pastor, Brother Harwood, fifteen days after she was put away. Her precious little girl, Peggy Jean, died two weeks later.—Alice Dilbeck.

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BAKER

The death angel visited our home July 26, 1936, and took our darling little daughter, Alpha Doris. She was born July 2, 1934. The funeral was conducted in the Church of God at Hazard, Ky. by Brother James Dixon and Brother Ed Lawson. Interment was made in the Bailey cemetery.—Daniel Baker, Box 832, Hazard, Ky.

EDITORIALS

(Continued from page 4)

I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. *My meditation of him shall be sweet*: I will be glad in the Lord" (Psa. 104:33, 34).

"*Meditate upon these things;* give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all" (1 Tim. 4:15).

Meditation leads to praise

"*Rejoice in the Lord,* O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright" (Psa. 33:1).

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his *praise shall continually be in my mouth*" (Psa. 34:1).

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Psa. 50:23).

"By him therefore let us *offer the sacrifice of praise* to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15).

"I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High" (Psa. 9:1, 2).

"Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God" (Psa. 43:4).

"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving" (Psa. 69:30).

"I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel" (Psa. 71:22).

"O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isa. 25:1).

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REVIVALS

I praise God for answering prayer and for the wonderful four weeks' revival that has just closed here at the Church of God at Mentone, Ala. It seems we can still hear the shouts and glories of those souls that prayed through. Souls are still praying through. God is working; we must work, for the harvest is white, the summer will soon be ended. Jesus is coming, let's redeem the time, work for God and souls while He tarries and be ready to go with a shout when He comes. Hallelujah!

Sister Jessie Wilson of Fyffe, Ala. did the preaching the first part of the revival and God surely blessed her in giving out the Word. She is a good evangelist. The preaching was done the following week by the writer, also dear old Brother Looney came by and preached the last three nights of the revival. He surely is a soldier for God. May God bless and give him many more years of service to the Church yet.

Saints, please pray for us up here on this mountain that we will be a blessing to God and His Church. If any of the surrounding districts of Alabama or Georgia would want our service in a revival, let us hear from you.—Yours for Christ and a better world, L. E. Galloway, pastor, Menlo, Ga.

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STEP ROCK, Ark. — On July 4 Brother A. R. Willingham started a revival at Mt. Zion church, and how the dear Lord did bless him in giving out the Word. Thirteen were wonderfully saved, four baptized with the wonderful Holy Ghost, nine followed the Lord in water baptism, and five were added to the church. How our hearts were made to rejoice to see the altar so full of poor lost boys and girls, men and women until there was hardly room for another one. The meeting closed July 26 with great interest.

We covet your prayers that God will continue to bless at this place and that we will pray and not faint, also that the church will rise and shine for the glory of God.—A sister under the blood, Bloom Williams.

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NEELY, Miss. — Dear readers, we thank God for His wonderful blessings to us here at Neely. On July 15 our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister E. N. Wright, started a revival here. The Lord surely did bless. Four were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and one reclaimed.

On Sunday, July 26, we had service at eleven and dinner on the ground. Immediately afterward everyone gathered at the water's edge for baptismal service in which eight were baptized. Sunday night we administered the Lord's Supper and had feet washing. God's great power came down and blessed in a marvelous way. That night five came into the church. This revival was one of the best and I feel the church was greatly uplifted.

I earnestly desire the prayers of the great Church of God for this little band of saints that we'll stay true to God and strive harder for the upbuilding of the church.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ernest McKee.

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RIPLEY, Tenn.—Brother S. C. Bell began a battle against the enemy at Beasley Chapel July 19 and closed Aug. 2 with much good done. Two were saved, and several were under conviction. The saints were revived and the church built up. We are expecting Brother J. B. Baney to come soon and start another fight against the enemy. Everybody pray much for the church here at Beasleys Chapel.—Frank Jernigan, clerk, Rt. 1.

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RIVIERA, Fla.—We closed a six weeks' revival at Riviera Aug. 2 with Brother J. J. Reser and wife as helpers. The Lord wonderfully blessed. The Holy Ghost took charge of several services and my, how the Lord did bless. Nine backsliders received the Holy Ghost, three were sanctified, four baptized in water, and one added to the church. We closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The meeting was just wonderful from start to finish. We had large crowds and good interest.—S. T. Duckworth.

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ESTATOE, N. C.—A two weeks' revival closed here July 29. The true Word of God was preached with Spirit and power. One was renewed, and there was conviction in the house. Brother Simmons, evangelist, conducted the services with M. H. Lamb, our esteemed pastor, Brother Clyde Atkins, and Brother Aaron Brummett of Unicoi, Tenn. here part of the time. We highly appreciated them and their messages. The wonderful messages the Holy Ghost delivered through Brother Simmons are still ringing. He has a hearty welcome back by all saints and sinners. May God's blessings rest upon him.

The church has been prospering since Brother M. H. Lamb has been pastoring it. All the church loves him. If we continue to prosper we expect to land safely on the other shore. Praise God. — A brother in Christ, Lawrence Davis.

We have no right to ask God to do things for us when we are refusing to do things for Him.

South Carolina State Conv'n.

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$1.65; Cheraw, $1.50; Cash offering, $96.65. Total mission offering, $2000.

As the convention drew near to its close, the delegates expressed their appreciation of Brother J. H. Walker as General Overseer and of Brother R. P. Johnson as State Overseer, and it was unanimously requested that Brother R. P. Johnson be sent back to the State next year. The greatest convention ever held in South Carolina came to a close with handshakes and goodbyes, and everyone left with new zeal for their respective fields of labor. — Linwood Jacobs, convention clerk.

Interest Shown in New Field

MANCHESTER, Ala.—Sister Lula Mixon and I started a meeting here in this community on July 7 with about thirty-five people present and nine in the altar the first night. Interest just kept growing as the crowds increased to three or four hundred in one week's time. I believe it was the hungriest place I ever saw. We were the first lady preachers that had ever been here. Many of the people had never heard a woman preach. There wasn't so much reaping done but I believe lots of good seed were sown. Three were saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Thank the Lord! Many of these people had never heard holiness preached but I believe we, by the help of the Lord, gained lots of friends for holiness and the Church of God.

Evangelists, if you feel led, come this way. You will be cared for and maybe reap a big harvest of souls. Folks, please pray for God to give us a church in this district. If you have any old Evangels, please send them to J. M. Robertson, Star Rt., Manchester, Ala. and he can distribute them to these people, for they are wanting to know more about the Church of God and holiness.

Please pray for us two girls to stay in God's will and do as Paul told Timothy, "Preach the Word." — Your sister in Christ, Martha Womack, Longview, Miss.

Thank God For Victory

HARLAN, Ky.—Dear Evangel readers, I am praising God this morning for victory in my soul. I am saved, sanctified, and the Holy Ghost abides. I promised the Lord if He would baptize a sister with the Holy Ghost I would testify of it, so I am thanking Him for answering prayer. He is wonderful, He filled her with the Holy Ghost. I ask all who read this to pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Hattie Johnson, (colored).